

1       A RESOLUTION urging Congress to lift restrictions on the coal industry.

2       WHEREAS, coal has provided the Commonwealth of Kentucky and generations of  
3       Kentuckians with low-cost electric power, excellent job opportunities, economic vitality,  
4       and a reliable stream of tax revenue; and

5       WHEREAS, the regulatory burden on the coal industry has grown greater with each  
6       passing year, chasing ever-stricter emission limitations, and rendering a vibrant enterprise  
7       less viable with each added mandate; and

8       WHEREAS, the decline of the coal industry has had profound impacts on the coal  
9       fields of eastern and western Kentucky, on state budgets, and on the ability of the  
10      Commonwealth to compete for new economic opportunities; and

11      WHEREAS, the future appears increasingly bleak with no new coal-fired  
12      generation facilities, a withering of the mining industry, and a relentless upward spiral of  
13      electricity prices;

14      NOW, THEREFORE,

15      *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
16      *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

17      ➔Section 1. This honorable body urges the Congress of the United States to take  
18      all necessary steps within its power to reduce the regulatory burden placed upon the coal  
19      industry that has resulted in so much poverty, unemployment, and misery in this  
20      Commonwealth and elsewhere in the Appalachian coal fields.

21      ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to provide  
22      copies of this Resolution to Representative Angie Hatton and to each member of the  
23      Kentucky Congressional delegation.